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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

AKIRA KOMORIYA and BEVERLY PACKARD

Application No.: **09/394,019** 

Filed: 09/10/1999

For: COMPOSITIONS FOR THE DETECTION OF ENZYME ACTIVITY IN BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Chih Min Kam

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

1) A petition to extend the period of response 3 months.